MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) All the roads in NDMC area are traffic worthy. Most of the roads in the MCD area are also traffic worthy. Chief Engineer, PWD(DAZ-I) has also reported that none of the PWD roads is in bad shape inspite of heavy rains this year.

(c) and (d) There is no road in the NDMC area which requires any major repairs due to heavy rains this year. Pot-holes which developed on Parliament Street (Sansad Marg) and Shri Aurobindo Marg due to heavy rains were got repaired by NDMC. Due to heavy rains, pot-holes had appeared on some of the roads in MCD area. MCD has reported that all the repairs have been carried out and roads are in satisfactory condition. Chief Engineer, PWD (DAZ-I) has also reported that minor repairs like pot-holes, etc. were carried out immediately after the rains. Even during rains, temporary repairs were carried out.

खुर्जा नगर पालिका के चतुर्थ श्रेणी के कर्मचारियों को वेतन का भुगतान नहीं किया जाना

2397. चौधरी हरि सिंह : क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस तथ्य की जानकारी है कि उत्तर प्रदेश के जिला बुलन्दशहर में खुर्जा नगर पालिका के चतुर्थ श्रेणी के कर्मचारियों को पिछले कई महीनों से वेतन का भुगतान नहीं किया जा रहा है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो सरकार द्वारा उन कर्मचारियों के वेतन का भुगतान करने के सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है; और

(ग) उनके वेतन का भुगतान नहीं किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री पी. के. थुंगन) : (क) उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि जिला बुलन्दशहर में खुर्जा, नगरपालिका के श्रेणी-IV के सभी कर्मचारियों को अप्रैल, 1993 तक का वेतन दे दिया गया है ।

(ख) उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने खुर्जा नगरपालिका को उसके वेतन घाटे को पूरा करने के लिए जुलाई, 93 में 10,26,128/- रुपये की धनराशि स्वीकृत की है ।

(ग) उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने बताया है कि उसके स्टाफ को वेतन भुगतान न किये जाने का एक कारण स्थानीय निकायों द्वारा कर वसूल न कर पाना तथा अन्य स्रोतों से अतिरिक्त आय न जुटा पाना है ।

Irregular Allotment of Quarters

2398. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item appeared in the Statesman on May 20, 1993 that Ministry has been making ad-hoc and arbitary allotment of quarters and houses in disregard to principles and claims of many with good credentials and that money has been the consideration for such allotments;

(b) whether these allotments have been cancelled; and

(c) whether courts have had occasion to intervene in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir. However ad-hoc allotment of residential accommodation is given on medical grounds such as TB, Cancer, Heart Ailment, physically handicapped etc. and to the personal staff of Ministers, Judges of Supreme Court, Members of Planning Commission and Key Personnel in the Prime Ministers' Office. In deserving cases ad-hoc allotment is also given on compassionate ground in relaxation of rules after examining individual cases. Merit has been the consideration for such ad-hoc allotment.

(b) The 25 cases mentioned in the list were either for change of accommodation or for allotment of specific quarters in respect of sanctions given earlier. On review 22 sanctions have been cancelled.

(c) No, Sir.

Development of Residential Plots Allotted to Backward Classes in Village Asola

2399. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Dalit of village Asola Delhi were allotted residential plots in October, 1983 of Khasra No. 1754;

(b) whether pattas and physical possession was also granted to them;

(c) if so, whether any developmental activities of the land such as approach road, drinking

water and drainage system has been provided; and

(d) if not, by when it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The patta and physical possession have been given to eligible allottees.

(c) and (d) It has been reported by M.C.D. that as per decision taken, development work in villages in such areas is to be carried out where more than 50% houses have been built and priority list drawn. According to the priority list, village Aasla is not included for development activity at present.

Fire in Rexine Factory in West Delhi

2400. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the major fire in an unauthorised rexine factory in Peera Garhi in West Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 7 persons are reported killed and 4 injured in the incident.

(c) Lt. Governor, Delhi has ordered an enquiry with the terms of reference as given in the Statement.

Statement

Terms of Reference for the Inquiry ordered by L. G. Delhi in Respect of Fire Accident in Rexine Factory in Peera Garhi

(i) To ascertain the cause of explosion;

(ii) To ascertain the extent of damage caused to persons and property;

(iii) To ascertain the adequacy of the response of all the concerned agencies to deal with the situation;

(iv) To ascertain the negligece, if any, on the part of any authority and to fix responsibility;

(v) To suggest remedial measures for the regulation of industries specially in Laldora areas;

(vi) To suggest measures for the prevention of recurrance of such accidents;

(vii) Any other fact(s) relevant to the incident.

Development of Small Medium Towns in Punjab

2401. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Punjab for the development of small and medium towns under the Integrated Development scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount involved being therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) Based on various proposals received from the Government of Punjab under the Scheme for Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT), schemes have been undertaken in 16 towns and Central assistance amounting to Rs. 753.12 lakhs released from 1979-80 till 31-3-1992. During the year 1992-93, Government of Punjab has submitted: (a) urbanisation strategy paper; (b) priority list of 10 towns for inclusion under IDSMT; and (c) draft project reports of 4 towns. Since the urbanisation strategy paper and the project reports required certain revision clarifications they have been referred back to the State Government. The revised documents have not been received from the State Government.

River Water Resources of Punjab

2402. SHRI BALBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state: